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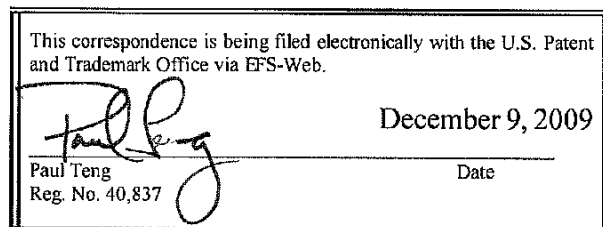
Application No.: 10/586,797

Group Art Unit: 2625

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Examiner: Steven Kau

For: IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD, PRINTER DRIVER, IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS, IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS AND IMAGE FORMING SYSTEM



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REQUEST FOR CORRECTED FILING RECEIPT AND CORRECTED NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 AND 37 CFR 1.495

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the official Filing Receipt be corrected to reflect that the priority Foreign Application number is JP2004-344602, filed 11/29/2004 (and not JP2004-347937, filed 12/01/2004, as erroneously shown on the current Filing Receipt, a copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**).

Further, it is respectfully requested that the Notice Of Acceptance Of Application Under 35 U.S.C. 371 And 37 CFR 1.495 be corrected to reflect that the priority filing date of the foreign priority application is 11/29/2004 (and not 12/01/2004, as erroneously shown on the current Notice Of Acceptance Of Application Under 35 U.S.C. 371 And 37 CFR 1.495, a copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit B**).

Attached hereto as **Exhibit C** is a copy of the Declaration And Power Of Attorney submitted July 19, 2006 with this application which indicates that the priority foreign application number is JP2004-344602, filed 11/29/2004.

In addition, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.32(c)(3), applicant hereby requests that the following practitioners, who are also listed in the Declaration And Power Of Attorney submitted herewith as Exhibit C, be recognized by the Patent Office as being of record in connection with the above-identified application to which the power of attorney is directed:

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The Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees that are required in connection with this request to our Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

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EXHIBIT A

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APPLICATION NUMBER	FILING or 371(c) DATE	GRP ART UNIT	FIL FEE REC'D	ATTY DOCKET NO	TOT CLAIMS	IND CLAIMS
10/586,797	07/19/2006	2853	900	2271/76611	9	2

CONFIRMATION NO. 8762

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Receipt is acknowledged of this non-provisional patent application. The application will be taken up for examination in due course. Applicant will be notified as to the results of the examination. Any correspondence concerning the application must include the following identification information: the U.S. APPLICATION NUMBER, FILING DATE, NAME OF APPLICANT, and TITLE OF INVENTION. Fees transmitted by check or draft are subject to collection. Please verify the accuracy of the data presented on this receipt. **If an error is noted on this Filing Receipt, please submit a written request for a Filing Receipt Correction. Please provide a copy of this Filing Receipt with the changes noted thereon. If you received a "Notice to File Missing Parts" for this application, please submit any corrections to this Filing Receipt with your reply to the Notice. When the USPTO processes the reply to the Notice, the USPTO will generate another Filing Receipt incorporating the requested corrections**

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Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

This application is a 371 of PCT/JP2005/022238 11/28/2005

Foreign Applications

JAPAN 2004-347937 12/01/2004

If Required, Foreign Filing License Granted: 06/07/2008

The country code and number of your priority application, to be used for filing abroad under the Paris Convention, is **US 10/586,797**

Projected Publication Date: 09/25/2008

Non-Publication Request: No

Early Publication Request: No

Title

Image Processing Method, Printer Driver, Image Processing Apparatus, Image Forming Apparatus and Image Forming System

Preliminary Class

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Almost every country has its own patent law, and a person desiring a patent in a particular country must make an application for patent in that country in accordance with its particular laws. Since the laws of many countries differ in various respects from the patent law of the United States, applicants are advised to seek guidance from specific foreign countries to ensure that patent rights are not lost prematurely.

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Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, 5.11 & 5.15

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EXHIBIT B

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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/JP2005/022238		
I.A. FILING DATE		PRIORITY DATE
11/28/2005		12/01/2004

CONFIRMATION NO. 8762
371 ACCEPTANCE LETTER



Date Mailed: 06/17/2008

NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION UNDER 35 U.S.C 371 AND 37 CFR 1.495

The applicant is hereby advised that the United States Patent and Trademark Office in its capacity as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495), has determined that the above identified international application has met the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 371, and is **ACCEPTED** for national patentability examination in the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

The United States Application Number assigned to the application is shown above and the relevant dates are:

07/19/2006
DATE OF RECEIPT OF 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1),
(c)(2) and (c)(4) REQUIREMENTS

06/01/2007
DATE OF COMPLETION OF ALL
35 U.S.C. 371 REQUIREMENTS

A Filing Receipt (PTO-103X) will be issued for the present application in due course. **THE DATE APPEARING ON THE FILING RECEIPT AS THE " FILING DATE" IS THE DATE ON WHICH THE LAST OF THE 35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(1), (c)(2) and (c)(4) REQUIREMENTS HAS BEEN RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE. THIS DATE IS SHOWN ABOVE.** The filing date of the above identified application is the international filing date of the international application (Article 11(3) and 35 U.S.C. 363). Once the Filing Receipt has been received, send all correspondence to the Group Art Unit designated thereon.

The following items have been received:

- Copy of the International Application filed on 07/19/2006
- English Translation of the IA filed on 07/19/2006
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 07/19/2006
- Copy of IPE Report filed on 07/19/2006
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 07/19/2006
- Oath or Declaration filed on 07/19/2006
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 07/19/2006
- Assignment filed on 07/19/2006
- Priority Documents filed on 07/19/2006

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

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EXHIBIT C

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DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD, PRINTER DRIVER, IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS, IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS AND IMAGE FORMING SYSTEM

*the specification of which:
(check one)*

_____ *is attached hereto.*

X *was filed on November 28, 2005 as*

Application Serial No. PCT/JP2005/022238

*and was amended _____
(if applicable)*

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119(a)-(d) or Section 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or Section 365(a) of any PCT International Application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below. I have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT International Application having a filing date before that of the earliest application from which priority is claimed:

<i>Prior Foreign Application(s)</i>			<i>Priority Claimed</i>	
<u>Number</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
<i>Patent Application(s)</i>				
<u>2004-344602</u>	<u>JAPAN</u>	<u>November 29, 2004</u>	<u>X</u>	_____
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

<u>Provisional Application No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Status</u>
_____	_____	_____
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I hereby claim the benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 120 of any United States Application(s), or Section 365(c) of any PCT International Application(s) designating the United States listed below. Insofar as this application discloses and claims subject matter in addition to that disclosed in any such prior Application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, Section 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56, which became available between the filing date(s) of such prior Application(s) and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

<u>Application Serial No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Status</u>
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And I hereby appoint

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and each of them, all c/o Cooper & Dunham LLP of 1185 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10036, my attorneys, each with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application, to make alterations and amendments therein, to receive the patent, to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith and to file any International Applications which are based thereon under the provisions of the Patent Cooperation Treaty.

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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